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Letter dated 2 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on Sierra Leone issued on 28 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 82 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

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Statement on Sierra Leone issued on 28 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union deplores the current attempt to overthrow the democratically elected Government of Sierra Leone and strongly urges the restoration of democratic civilian government. The European Union is deeply concerned at the level of violence against both local and foreign communities.

The European Union expresses the hope that the peace process will be continued after constitutional order has been restored.

The associated countries of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with the present statement.